GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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CARGO AND PASSENGER SHIPS
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cargo and passenger ships in the country;

(b) whether these are sufficient to cater the needs of the passengers going abroad and coming in the country and cargo related needs;

(c) if not, whether the Government are manufacturing and purchasing more ships; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) There are about 426 cargo vessels in Merchant fleet as on 1.7.2000 which includes 12 passenger-cum-cargo and 11 passenger ships. There is no passenger ship going abroad. The passenger ships and passenger-cum-cargo ships are running in the Island Sector. The Andaman & Nicobar Administration and Union Territory of Lakshadweep are purchasing the passenger as well as passenger-cum-cargo vessels as per their requirement. Recently, Union Territory of Lakshadweep have placed order with Hindustan Shipyard Limited for the construction of one 700 passenger-cum-160 MT cargo vessel.The Andaman & Nicobar Administration have also placed orders for the construction of two 400 passenger vessels with Indian Shipyards.